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AMOI NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Amoy, November 29th.

THE LATE CAPT. DAVIES.

The body of Capt. Davies was found and brought in this morning, having been ten days in the water. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Kuang-shan Community Cemetery.

FOOTBALL.

A match was played on Saturday afternoon, between "Kulangsu" and "The Rest" made up of Customs, Hong, and Shipping people. An exceedingly good game resulted. At half time the score was one goal all. The "Kulangsu" forwards were always dangerous, and gave a lot of trouble to the backs. Mr. Johns of the "Fingching" and Mr. Lester of the "Hong Moh." The game ended very fittingly in a draw, two goals all.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

The Hongkong University scheme has met with a very gratifying response from Chinese contributors, who have privately or from Government funds subscribed \$73,745 of the \$1,020,785 already secured. From a purely missionary standpoint we fear that this scheme promises no great help to the work of regenerating China, and while we may be pleased to hear of its success, it does not lessen the need of the establishment of a thoroughly Christian university where the highest standard of literary and scientific instruction shall be given, where a healthy religious atmosphere shall be maintained, and where students will be surrounded by more salutary moral influences than can be expected in the "Hongkong University" or in any other non-Christian educational institution. It may seem narrow to some, but many of us believe that only where Christ is exalted can the best educational work be successfully carried on, and that in a non-religious atmosphere the highest standard of morality can not be expected. It is to be hoped, however, that a special effort will be made by the Y.M.C.A., and by other religious organizations, to reach the young men who will attend the new University and lead them to value that higher knowledge which no secular education can give, but which China needs more than anything else. — The Educational Review.

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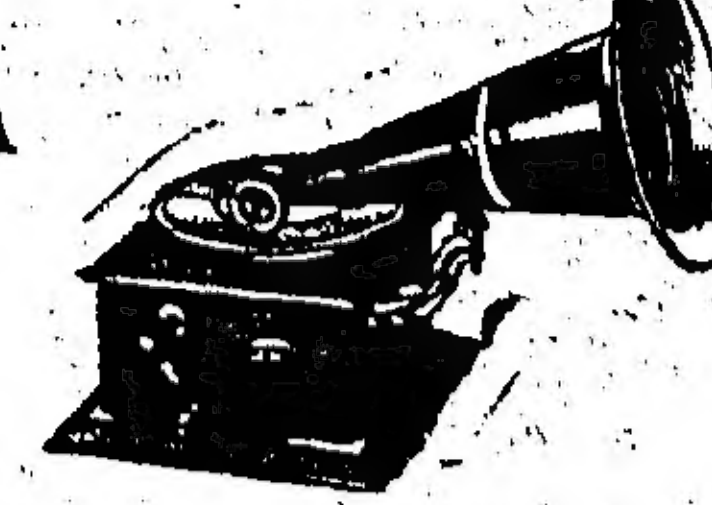
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Miscellaneous

2.30 p.m.—Legislative Council Meeting.

Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Jewellery, &c., at
Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Room.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

9 p.m.—Service for Seafarers at St. John's
Cathedral.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, December 3.—

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture
& Effects at "Bristol," No. 103,
the Peak.2.30 p.m.—Auction of Old Chinese
Porcelain at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's
Sales Room.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

SATURDAY, December 4.—

2 p.m.—H.K.V.C. Shooting Competition
—Governor's Cup—Tai Hang Range.

9 p.m.—Boxing at City Hall.

MONDAY, December 6.—

9 p.m.—First performance of the Merry-
makers at the Theatre Royal.

TUESDAY, December 7.—

5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's
Cathedral.

SATURDAY, December 11.—

1 p.m.—Victoria Regatta.

SATURDAY, December 13.—

H.K.A.A.A. Sports Meeting, Kowloon
Track.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1909.

THE DEGRADATION OF

TUAN FANG.

Accomplice to the usually well-informed
Feking correspondent of *Der Ostasiatische
Lloyd* the dismissal of H. E. Tuan
Fang from the Viceroyalty of Chihli is
without political significance. He had
offended against the rigid rules of
Chinese etiquette and therefore had to
be punished in this way. But is this
not taking too optimistic a view of a
great man's downfall? In the decree
which the Ministry of Civil Appoint-
ments published in connection with the
case, we read that Tuan Fang is receiving
punishment for having, during the
late Imperial funeral, moved too freely
in his sedan chair across the
Way of the Gods, while he also
gave permission to several persons to
take photographs of the late Emperor
Dowager's funeral cortege, and as a
last and crowning offence allowed work-
men to attach telegraph wires to the
trees growing around the Imperial mausoleum,
thus seriously offending the

Yang shui of the place. Tuan Fang, once
rank and office, the principal of the
photographers is to be strangled, his
assistants will be sent to prison, while
the telegraph men are presumably let off
scot free, for the edict contains nothing
regarding them.

If the present condition of China
were not so very serious we should be
inclined to laugh at this fresh exhibition
of Gilbertian burlesque in the high
places of Peking. But the condition of
affairs, as viewed by observant friends
of China, arouses anything but a sense
of hilarity. With all his faults Tuan Fang
was a man whom the Prince Regent
should have thought twice about before
dismissing from his service. Previously
he had been in high favour, we under-
stand, with Prince Chun, but the Em-
press Dowager Lu Xia Yu, who now seems
to be wielding the paramount power in
the Palace, demanded his degradation,
and the PRINCE REGENT, though he is said
to have demurred in his usual hesitating
manner, had perforce to bow before the
wrath of the wearer of the omnipotent
petticoat. It would appear that Tuan
Fang had some inkling of what was in
store for him, for, according to our
German contemporary, when he realized
that Grand Secretary Lu Jui-shang, one
of the leaders of the Conservative party,
would carry through his removal from
office, he ordered his family to proceed
at once to Peking, where he has his own
house, and returned himself to Tientsin.
It is also of interest to note that the im-
peachment laid against the ex-Viceroy
of the Metropolitan province was brought
by Li Kuei-chi, a very young grandson
of Li Heng-chang, who was only lately
appointed to the Censorate, and aimed
apparently at gaining a name by his action.

TUAN-FANG's dismissal follows hard on
the heels of YUAN SHU-KAI's release from
office. As the *North China Daily News*
points out in commenting on the case,
"a ruler has need to be both wise and
capable when he is as prodigal of his
system as the PRINCE REGENT. But
the position in Peking to-day argues no
such genius of government for Prince
CHUN. If some sacred traditions have
been grievously outraged, criticism
might stay its voice, but only in dismay
at the hopelessness of an administration
that can find no alternative to dismiss-
ing a highly-placed and able official
because some workmen fasten a tele-
graph wire to a tree. When, however,
we look round upon the present condi-
tion of things in China there can be
little inclination to make much al-
lowance for the Government. Complete
inability even to take advantage of
opportunities given it, stupendous
apathy in grappling adequately with
any one of the numerous problems that
confront it, a blind adherence to a
stereotyped policy of what is well de-
scribed as shifting opportunism, charac-
terize the Chinese Administration to-day
and must, unless arrested, lead the
country rapidly downhill to political
disintegration. In such circumstances
no man of ordinary qualifications can
be spared, much less one who has
shown signs of not of ability and
energy, at least of intelligence and
level-headedness above the standard of
his fellow-countrymen."

With YUAN SHU-KAI and TUAN FANG
summarily dismissed from office, with
JANG SHUO-YI and other progressive and
enlightened Chinamen eating the bread
of idleness or visited by the wrath of
official displeasure, the spectacle which
the Middle Kingdom presents in any
thing but cheering. Yet in England,
judging by the reception accorded to
Prince Tsai Hsu and the Naval Com-
missioners, everything is roscin in China,
and an almost bankrupt empire is fondly
expected to place orders for the build-
ing of a Navy which will run into
millions. Really we can almost hear
the derisive laughter of the gods as
they make revel in high Olympus.

A telegram to the *North China Daily
News* says that although the electioneering
campaign is being conducted with great
activity at Portsmouth, writes have not yet
been issued. It is considered probable
that there will be no by-election either at
Portsmouth or at Exeter, owing to the im-
minence of the General Election.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The English Mail of the 30th October
was delivered in London on the 30th No-
vember.

From Messrs. Schmidt and Co., Agents,
we have received the card calendar of the
Yokohama Insurance Company, Ltd.

On a few of the large ocean liners a
trained nurse may be found, but the idea
is novel to train stewardesses as such. The
Elder Dempster Company, one of the
largest lines sailing out of Liverpool, has
arranged to have their stewardesses under-
go a regular course of training at the Royal
Southern Hospital. Many of the vessels
of this line ply to the West Coast of Africa
and the Canary Islands, and particular
attention is to be given in their instruction
to treatment of cases of malaria.

The twenty torpedo-boat destroyers to
be laid down under the estimates for 1909-
10 will, it is understood, have displacements
averaging 1,200 tons, an advance of 200
tons on last year's vessels, of this type.
The speed will be 29 knots, two knots more
than last year's vessels, but four less than
those of the earlier programmes. The arma-
ment will consist of two 4-in. guns and four
12-pounders. This compares very well with
previous British and foreign destroyers,
with the exception of the Japanese *Ukikaze*,
recently completed, which is of 1,150 tons,
steam 35 knots, and carries two 4-in. and
five 12-pounders. The new vessels will
burn oil-fuel exclusively.

"Official" information we all under-
stand—and disbelieve. "Semi-official"
probably conveys no definite meaning to
anybody's mind, but we have that fami-
liarity with it which breeds contempt.
The *Times* inventing a new degree of
officialism by classifying a certain article in
an Austrian paper as "two-thirds official."
There is a mathematical precision about
this which impresses one's self. Expert
press diplomats will never rest content
with this. Finer shades of official inspi-
ration—a nod and the more or the less—
will undoubtedly pass beyond the coarse
measurement of vulgar fractions to the
more delicate differentiation of decimal
points.

It is reported from Tokyo that the
entire family of Captain Kudo, formerly of
the N.Y.K. s.s. *Kamigawa Maru*, and
now employed at the *Kaisha*'s office, was
murdered at his residence at No. 78,
Nihonbashi-cho 1-chome, Shiba Ward,
Tokyo, on the 21st November. The family
consisted of his wife, three children, rang-
ing in age from two to eight years, and a
maid-servant. When the tragedy was
discovered the Tokanawa Police Station at
once dispatched officers to the house, and
an examination of the bodies led to the
conclusion that the murders had been com-
mitted with a blunt sickle or some such
weapon. A terrible scene was presented.
It is thought that the culprit is some person
who believed he had a grievance against
the family.

Earl Fitzwilliam, who has taken office
as Mayor of Sheffield, was born in Canada
seven-and-thirty years ago. He is one of
the richest peers in the United Kingdom,
and in Wentworth-Woodhouse possesses
the largest private house in the country.
Built in the style of a great Roman palace,
it is said to be able to sleep sixty guests
and dine twice that number. A great
traveller and a fine soldier, Earl Fitzwilliam
gained the D. S. O. in the Boer war.
The grandfather of the first Lord Fitzwilliam
was five times Viceroy of Ireland in the
strenuous days of Queen Elizabeth. One
of the treasures at Wentworth-Woodhouse
is the priceless Van Dyke portrait of Lord
Stafford, from whom the Earl is descended.

A remarkable instance of the irony of
fate is revealed in the latest legal news from
Australia. The late Baron von Mueller,
Governor of Victoria, made the
study of the plants and forests of Australia
his life-work. He published forty books
on the subject, was made a German Baron
and a British Knight and was otherwise
decorated by most of the Sovereigns of
Europe. He spent £20,000 in the interests
of Australian botanical science, with the
result that he died worth only a few
hundred pounds. By his will he ordered
that this money should be devoted to the
preparation of a memoir and the care of his
grave, specifying the flowers he wished to
have planted over his remains. But a
Melbourne Court has just decided that the
money cannot be applied to these purposes,
but must be handed over to the relatives.

It was not till the spacious times of
Elizabeth that the work of turning Dover
into a great port was begun in earnest.
That enterprising lady, moved by an appeal
from Raleigh—that "no promontory,
town, or haven in Christendom is so placed
by nature and situation both to gratify
friends and annoy enemies as this town of
Dover"—decided to finance the scheme for
clearing the harbour of the harbour of the great
barrier of beach that had accumulated.
She "granted the town the free exportation
of 30,000 quarters of wheat, 10,000 quarters
of barley, and 4,000 tons of beer in aid of
the expense," and a duty of 3d a ton was
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Parliament from that day to this took up
the burden of looking after Dover and now
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Messrs. A. E. Lanning, D. E. Donnelly
and H. S. Toussaint returned to Shanghai
to-day by the s.s. "Korea."

President Taft has recently officiated at
the laying of corner-stones or in religious
ceremonies at an orthodox Congregational
church in Washington, a Jewish tabernacle
at Pittsburgh, a Catholic institution in Mon-
tana; and during his Western tour he has
preached in the Mormon tabernacle at
Salt Lake and a Universalist church in
Portland, Oregon. Besides these and as a
fitting climax, he preached in the open air
at Fresno, Cal., while all the church con-
gregations in the city, Catholic and Pro-
testant, joined in the service.

On Tuesday a quiet wedding took place
at St. Peter's Church, West Point, the
contracting parties being Mrs. E. Rogers,
widow of the late Mr. E. D. Rogers, of the
Sanitary Department, and Mr. John
Charles Mackay, son of Mr. Murdoch
Mackay, of Melbourne, Australia. The
bride-maids were Miss Edith May Fincher
and Miss Edwina L. Rogers, while Mr. J.
McCorquodale was the groomsmen. The
Rev. C. E. Thompson officiated. A recep-
tion was subsequently held at the Hotel
Baltimore after which the happy couple
proceeded to Macao where the honeymoon
will be spent. The presents were both
numerous and costly.

ALLEGED FORGERY OF A
WILL

Bail Refused.

At the Magistracy this afternoon, before
Mr. E. R. Hallifax, a respectfully-attired
Chinaman named Wong Yik Shi was
charged with the forgery of a will.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor,
prosecuted, and objected to bail being
granted. He asserted that defendant had,
by the forgery, obtained sums amounting
to over \$100,000.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada, who appeared to
defend, said his friend's statement that
defendant had obtained over \$100,000 was
not true. There was a sum of \$118,000
paid in settlement, but after deducting a
large sum for solicitors' expenses there
was only a balance of about \$80,000 left
for division among the four partners.

His Worship said he did not think the
size of the shares affected the case.
Mr. D'Almada replied that it did. They
must take into consideration the fact that
defendant had interest in large sums of
money in Hongkong. The estate had not
yet been finally divided.

His Worship said the charge was a serious
one, for which the maximum penalty was
five years and the prosecution had a right
to object to bail. He could not accept bail
on the statement made.

Mr. D'Almada said the prosecution did
not bring any evidence before the Court to
enable his Worship to properly deal with
the question of bail, but simply objected to
bail entirely.

Mr. Bowley—I am quite willing to accept
\$100,000.

Mr. D'Almada—\$100,000 is absurd. It
is prohibitive.

His Worship—You don't think you can
find \$100,000?

Mr. D'Almada—Certainly I can't find it;
it is prohibitive.

His Worship intimated that Friday week
was the first possible day he could give to
the case.

Mr. D'Almada—Then I must ask your
Worship for bail, and that you should not
fix prohibitive bail.

His Worship—What is defendant's inter-
est in the Colony? What does he do?

Mr. D'Almada—He does nothing in the
Colony; he is simply here waiting for the
money to which he is entitled.

His Worship—I think I must refuse him
bail.

Mr. D'Almada—Refuse him bail simply
because he is not in business here?

His Worship said the only thing he
could do was to remand the case until the
9th inst.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty by
six to one and His Lordship sentenced
prisoner to nine months' imprisonment
with hard labour.

THE MOOSA CASE.

The case in which Mr. Ebrahim Moosa is
charged with offences under the Bankruptcy
Ordinance was continued at the Magistracy
this afternoon, before Mr. E. R. Hallifax.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley (Crown Solicitor)
prosecuted, and Mr. C. E. H. Beavis
defended.

S. E. Allana was recalled. He produced
his pass book with the Yokohama Specie
Bank and a statement of his account with
the Deutsche Asiatic Bank.

Mr. Bowley—It is in evidence that you
paid a sum of \$6,000.50 to Mr. Kemp, the
Official Receiver. That does not agree
with the figures given in Mr. Moosa's let-
ter. Can you tell me why you paid that
specie amount to the Official Receiver?

Witness—Defendant told me to.

A book was then produced, and witness
identified an entry of \$6,000.50 paid to the
Official Receiver as being in defendant's
handwriting.

Mr. Bowley—Did defendant tell you he
required that particular sum to make his
cash-book balance?

Witness—Yes, he did.

Mr. Beavis—I must object.

Mr. Bowley—It appears as a balancing
entry in the book.

Mr. Beavis—Then let the book speak for
itself.

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BRISGAVIA ASHORE

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS
TO REFLLOAT.(From our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, December 1.

The Hamburg-American steamer
Brisgavia has been ashore at the mouth
of the Yangtze since Saturday.

Six tugs and the cruiser *Scharnhorst*
have failed to tow her off.

It is feared that the vessel will have
to be abandoned.

KING'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT SWATOW.

On the afternoon of the 25th November,
in the grounds of the British Consulate,
Swatow, a loyal party gathered to celebrate
the King's birthday. The afternoon was
bright though chilly and suitable for the
sports which were held after tea had been
served. These, which had been most care-
fully planned, were heartily enjoyed by
young and old alike. Perhaps the two
most entertaining items in the programme
were the Arithmetic and Needle Threading
Race and the Animal Race. In the latter,
man's authority over the lower creation
was taxed to the utmost and some ob-
stinate members refused altogether to be
driven to the goal. During an interval the
health of the King was drunk, and after
the distribution of the prizes, the singing
of the National Anthem brought the pro-
ceedings to a close.

A SERVICE FOR SEAFARERS.

A special Service for Seafarers (on the
lines of that held annually in St. Paul's
Cathedral on Trafalgar Day) will be held in
St. John's Cathedral to-morrow at 9 p.m.
The preacher will be the Bishop of Victoria.
Members of the Mercantile Marine and all
interested in their welfare are specially
invited to be present.

MASONIC JEWELS IN COURT.

Before Mr. W. Rees Davies, Acting
Attorney General, at the Criminal Sessions
this morning *Tse Kwai* was placed in the
dock on a charge of receiving stolen goods,
to wit masonic jewels.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster prosecuted on behalf
of the Crown, instructed by Mr. H. L.
Donny, Jr., and Mr. Eldon Potter defended,
instructed by Mr. Sheaton.

The following were sworn in as jurymen:
—A. B. Bryson, foreman; Fritz Druke, J.
W. Peat, E. H. B. Schwandens, J. J. Judah,
A. G. Coppin, W. P. Wolcott.

Mr. Alabaster said that prisoner was
charged with receiving masonic jewels
well knowing them to have been stolen.
It was his duty to prove three things before
prisoner could be convicted, first that they
were received by prisoner and that at the
time he received them he knew they were
stolen. He would prove that they were
stolen by calling the owner, Mr. W. H. Pur-
cell, and he would call the thief who was at
present undergoing a sentence for stealing
the jewels. He would say that he sold
them to prisoner and counsel continued
that he would put in as evidence the state-
ment made by prisoner at the Magistracy
wherein he said:—"I did receive these
three masonic jewels from him" (the thief).
Evidence was then called.

A RUSSIAN DEMAND.

(Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, November 30.

Russia has demanded a share in the
loans to be raised for railway con-
struction in the Yangtze Valley.

LATE EMPEROR'S TUTOR
DIES.(Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, November 30.

Grand Councillor Shuan Cha Nai
died on the 23rd inst. He was tutor
to the late Emperor Kwang sui.

MANCHURIAN AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, November 30.

Owing to the strained condition of
Manchurian affairs it is proposed to
appoint H. E. Teh Liang, President of
the Board of War, to the position of
Viceroy of Manchuria in succession to
H. E. Shi Liang.

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BUDGET REJECTED.

LORD LANSDOWNE'S MOTION CARRIED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, December 1.

In the House of Lords, Lord Lansdowne's motion has been adopted by a vote of 350 to 75.

The Archbishop of York announced that he would vote against the motion, for he failed to see that the Budget was bad enough to justify an unprecedented course.

Lord Curzon declared that the Budget tended not to social regeneration but to social demoralisation.

It has been agreed to abandon all bye-elections.

[Note. A few days ago, in the course of a leading article on the controversy at present being waged in England over the Budget, the *Chronicle* pointed out that it was one of the unwritten laws of the English Constitution that the House of Commons controlled the public purse. Professor Richard Lodge, Lecturer on History at Edinburgh University, has also dealt with this subject in the course of a recent address to students. Professor Lodge said the controversy arose in the latter half of the seventeenth century, and the chief relevant facts belonged to a single decade, 1671-1680, in the reign of Charles II., and to the history of a single Parliament of that reign. In 1671 the Commons passed a Bill imposing additional duties upon foreign goods for the protection of Home and Colonial Industries. The Lords introduced several amendments, of which the most vital was the lowering of the duty on white sugar by a farthing and a half per pound. The Commons rejected the amendments, and resolved, nem. con., "that in all aids given to the King by the Commons, the rate of tax ought not to be altered by the Lords."

The question of principle was now fully raised, and the Lords resolved, also nem. con., that the power of making amendments in a money Bill was "a fundamental, inherent, and undoubted right of the House of Peers, from which they cannot depart." To support this resolution, they drew up arguments for a new conference, including the following: "If this right should be denied, the Lords have not a negative voice allowed them in Bills of this nature, for if the Lords cannot amend, abate, or refuse a Bill in part, by the consequence of reason can they enjoy a liberty to reject the whole."

They went on to cite conclusive precedents to prove that they had frequently exercised the power in the past. To this powerful State paper the Commons replied, disputing the precedents advanced by the Lords. As to the arguments that the two Houses were mutual checks on each other, the Commons replied: "So are they still, for your Lordships have a negative voice to the whole." They urged that if the Lords' claim were admitted, they would be able to increase as well as to reduce taxation. The Lords decided nem. con. that they disagreed with the arguments. There the matter ended for the time, as Parliament was prorogued, and the Bill was consequently lost.

In 1677 the controversy was reopened. The Commons had voted supplies for thirty ships of war, and rejected amendments by the Lords on the new familiar ground that "the granting and limiting of all aids and supplies did wholly belong to the House of Commons." After a conference the Lords resolved that they were not convinced but that their right held good, but in view of the danger to the country if the Bill did not pass, they waived their amendments.

In 1678 the question was raised for the last time in the Restoration Parliament. The Commons, dreading the military power of the Crown, voted supplies for disbanding the forces which had been raised for an expected war with France. Again the Lords introduced amendments. Notably they postponed the date of disbanding, which involved extra pay of the troops. After conference the Commons adopted the famous resolution which remains to this day the foundation of their claim:—"That all aids and supplies, and aids to His Majesty in Parliament, are the sole gift of the Commons; and all Bills for the granting of any such aids and supplies ought to begin with the Commons; and that it is the undoubted and sole right of the Commons to direct, limit, and appoint in such Bills the ends, purposes, considerations, conditions, limitations, and qualifications of such grants, which ought not to be changed by the House of Lords."

As the Lords resolved on the same day to adhere to their amendments there was an absolute deadlock. The prospects of peace were endangered; it was no longer possible to disband the forces; and so the much-disputed Bill was abandoned. In reviewing the controversy, said Professor Lodge, it was obvious that the Lords had the best of the argument, both in the matter of precedents and in that of reasonableness. But although they actually gave way on only one occasion—viz., in 1677—the ultimate victory rested with the Commons. This was due partly to their unanimity in the matter—very unusual at a time when political parties were in acute conflict with each other—but mainly to the weakened position of the Lords in the country. If public opinion had been on their side, there was little doubt that they would have made good their claim. From that day to this the Lords had in practice abandoned the claim to amend a Bill which was obviously and demonstrably a money Bill.

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A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

Because of the brilliance of its setting, the perfect arrangement of every little detail, and the liberal measure of hospitality always dispensed, the ball given yesterday in Hongkong in celebration of St. Andrew's Day has long since come to be regarded as one of the brightest and most elaborate social events in the whole of the Far East. Once again it has justified the claim, as all who attended last night's celebration are fully agreed. As is always the case, the event was attended by an extremely large number of subscribers and their friends, who, one and all alike, had a gloriously happy time. The conditions were ideal in every respect for dancing—a sweep of cold in the air, beautifully prepared floors in both the ball rooms, and most sympathetically rendered music by the efficient orchestral band of the Buffs Regiment. In fact, everybody who was any body was present. The company included His Excellency the Governor (Sir F. D. Lugard) and a host of other leading lights in the social life of the Colony.

That the ball was so brilliant a success was in no small degree due to the thoroughness with which the preliminary work had been allotted and discharged. Headed by an honorary secretary, (Mr David Wood), who brings a vast stock of valuable experience to their aid, the various committees had made every arrangement for the comfort and entertainment of guests, and the smoothness with which the machinery ran was the best tribute that could be paid to their endeavours. The committees were constituted as follows:—

Invitation Committee:—Mr J. R. M. Smith, Hon. Mr Murray Stewart, Messrs T. F. Hough, Robert Shaw, G. M. Deagtry, W. Armstrong, J. W. C. Bonnar, Andrew Forbes, D. Macdonald, E. Ormiston, W. Dickson, R. M. Dyer, E. A. A. D. R. Law, D. Templeton, Hon. Mr A. M. Thomson, Captain Campbell Heathcote, A.D.C., and Mr David Wood (Hon. Sec.).

Dancing and Music Committee:—Messrs G. Balloch (Convenor), P. S. Jameson, Frank Maitland, E. Ormiston, W. Armstrong, Andrew Forbes, A. Sinclair, Dr. C. Forsyth, Messrs H. C. Jones, R. O. Hutchison, C. G. Mackie, D. Macdonald, Hon. Mr Murray Stewart, Captain Campbell Heathcote, A.D.C., Mr David Wood (Hon. Secretary).

Card Room Committee:—Messrs J. W. C. Bonnar (Convenor), J. Johnstone (J. M. and Co.), H. A. Macintyre, W. M. Anderson, A. G. Gordon, J. McCubbin, David Wood (Hon. Sec.).

Ladies' Room Committee:—Dr D. R. Black and Messrs Duncan Clark and A. Findlay Smith (Convenors).

Refreshment Room Committee:—Messrs T. F. Hough, Donald Macdonald, E. Ormiston.

Supper Committee:—Mr James D. And (Convenor), "Dress Circle," Messrs J. Hall (in charge), R. McGregor, M. A. Murray, J. T. Douglas, H. Greig, W. Murray Scott, W. L. Leask, A. Davidson, Adam Gibson, J. D. Logan, W. D. Graham, Thos Arthur, R. B. Beattie, G. L. Duncan, J. M. McEltchison, Wm. Pittendrigh, C. T. A. Robertson, J. Dunn, and C. A. W. Ferrier. "Stalls," Messrs A. R. Sutherland (in charge), A. V. Monk, A. C. M. J. Paterson, R. A. Austin, S. E. C. Ross, E. Grant Smith, G. Morton Smith, A. T. Walker, James Craig, J. Clark, Dr John M. Gordon, R.N., Captain R. B. Crawford, R.G.A., Messrs W. N. Fleming, W. Ironside, J. B. C. Neilson, J. W. Stewart, A. C. Leith, F. G. Walker, A. W. W. Walkinshaw and J. Kennedy.

Decorations Committee:—Messrs J. I. Andrew (Convenor), A. M. Marshall, Jas. Macdonald, G. Duncan, David Keith, Frank Graham, A. Dickson, and David Wood (Hon. Sec.).

The beautiful decorations were always a feature of St. Andrew's Ball, and this year they were no exception to the general rule. In some respects they were less elaborate and gaudy than they have been on previous occasions, but the artistic effect did not suffer because of this. Indeed, the simplicity of colour and arrangement was an improvement. At the foot of the entrance staircase a huge St. Andrew's cross was reflected by electric light bulbs, the pillars on either side being prettily festooned in greenery. The top of the staircase there was the customary display of palms, brightened here and there with multi-coloured electric illuminations. The age of the Society was illustrated by the figures "1827" and "1909", displayed on either side of the steps. Above was the lamp of the steps. Above was the lamp of the steps. Above was the lamp of the steps.

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ITEMS AT THE COURTS.
The five men charged with committing armed robbery at West Point were at the Magistrate to-day committed for trial.

At the Supreme Court this morning, Mr Justice Gompertz gave judgment for Chin Teo, who was sued by the Yue On Firm to recover \$227.91 for goods sold and delivered.

Two Indian constables were charged at the Magistrate to-day by a Chinese shopkeeper with assault. Mr E. R. Halifax, however, found the evidence insufficient to warrant a conviction and discharged them both.

Judgment was given by Mr Justice Gompertz at the Supreme Court this afternoon, for P. Singh, who sued Lo Chan Fing to recover \$170 under a promissory note. Mr J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff.

A Chinese fruit seller was, at the Magistrate to-day, sentenced by Mr J. R. Wood to one year's hard labour, four hours' stocks and twelve strokes for matching a gold ear-pick from a girl at West Point. He had had a previous conviction against him for larceny.

For returning from banishment a native was at the Magistrate to-day sent to prison for a year and ordered to be placed in the stocks for four hours. This was the second time on which he had returned. He told the Magistrate that he was not intending to reside in the Colony but was arrested as he was passing through to Singapore.

REVIEWS.

The Chinese Language and How to Learn It, by Sir William Murray, B.C.M.G., (Vol. II. Hongkong, Messrs Kelly and Walsh, Ltd.)

This volume contains twelve stories from the famous collection called the *Leio Chiao*, translated by Professor Herbert Giles, under the name of *Strange Stories from a Chinese Studio*. Sir W. Murray has adapted a round dozen of these to the colloquial style spoken in Peking and northern China. The tales are amusing, and not without interest as illustrations of Chinese modes of thought. For instance, the first one called *The Tiger of Choo Ching* tells how a poor old woman has an only son who, when he carries to the district city and sold; buying food for his mother's day by day. One day the son did not appear. The old woman waited all night, then till the sun was well down in the west. At length she seized her crutch and hobbled to a neighbour, begging him to go and search for her boy. The neighbour complied, and ascending the hill-path, found an ax, a carrying-pole, and some fragments of clothing by the way side and blood on the ground. Evidently the poor fellow had been eaten by a tiger. He returned to the old widow, who was fragile with grief and rage, and saw nothing but starvation before her. So she dragged her old limbs into the city and poured out her tale of woe in the Magistrate's Yamen, knocking her head on the pavement. His honour bade the lictors bring the old woman before him. She repeated her story and demanded the arrest of the brute. The magistrate laughed at the absurd demand, and bade the woman depart. But she howled and cried incessantly, paying no attention to the lictors. At last he said: "Go away! I'll issue a warrant for the arrest of the tiger, and you shall hear from me." Then he turned to his police and called for a volunteer, not expecting a response. However there was one Li-ning, who was a toper, and having been drinking with some cronies all night, had come fuddled into court. Hearing the magistrate's call without the least notion of what it was about, he came forward and offered to undertake the business. "So the warrant was made out, and handed to him."

The next day Li-ning awoke sober, and was penitent enough when he saw what he had committed himself to. Pulling himself together he got some hunters to watch for the tiger, but without result. Obligated to report his failure, the magistrate was angry, and had him beaten fifty blows with the rattan. This happened again and again, until Li-ning thought life was not worth living. In his misery he went into the temple of the Spirit of the Mountain and prayed. Going out he saw a big tiger squatting in the grass. Li-ning at once boldly charged the beast with the murder. The tiger nodded. Li-ning then produced a chain, fastened it round the tiger's neck, and led him down to the Yamen.

The astonished magistrate took his seat on the bench, and told the tiger that according to law, it should be life for life, but said that as an act of grace he would spare him, if he would promise to be the old woman's son and support her in comfort. The tiger again nodded, and was set free.

The next day the old woman opened her door in the morning and found a dead deer lying across the threshold. She sold it for a good price. A few days later the tiger brought her some money in a cloth. One way and another the tiger-son kept the woman well supplied for ten years, so that she saved up a nice little sum, which sufficed for a respectable funeral. The tiger followed her coffin to the burial ground, waited for a long time by her grave, and then returned with no more news.

The *Talking of the Birds* narrates how a Taoist priest who understood bird-language became the guest of a sub-prefect who frequently tested his skill. One day the official gave a garden-party, and while at table a bird began to chirp. The host wanted to know what it said. This bird, said the priest, says something unpleasant: he keeps on "Loose office go." The official in wrath, bade his servants turn the priest off the premises. "Soon after the sub-prefect was dismissed from office for bribery."

The book contains a full vocabulary, and is an excellent advice to the learner. But it is for the student of Pekingese only: in learning the Canton dialect it would be useless.

The Game of Bridge, by "COT CAYENDIAN," London, T. Werner Laurie.

The literature of the Game of Bridge is becoming quite considerable. This is one more elementary treatise upon the subject written in a very readable form and deserving of the attentive study of beginners. We are doubtful if the game is ever learnt directly from books, but if it is attempted, it is of the utmost importance to have a reliable guide, and we can recommend "Cot Cayendian" as thoroughly sound in his theory, and convincing in his deductions. There is an excellent treatise on the theory of the game, about which there are two distinctly opposed schools, and two utterly opposed theories in common practice, we think the right in planning for the defeat of the weaker side, but we are not certain of doing this, the opposite, on certain occasions. On other points too he indicates the better course for beginners while allowing the more advanced player to act differently. The book concludes with the laws of both Bridge and Auction Bridge, the latter, which are not as well known, is a very desirable addition to the book.

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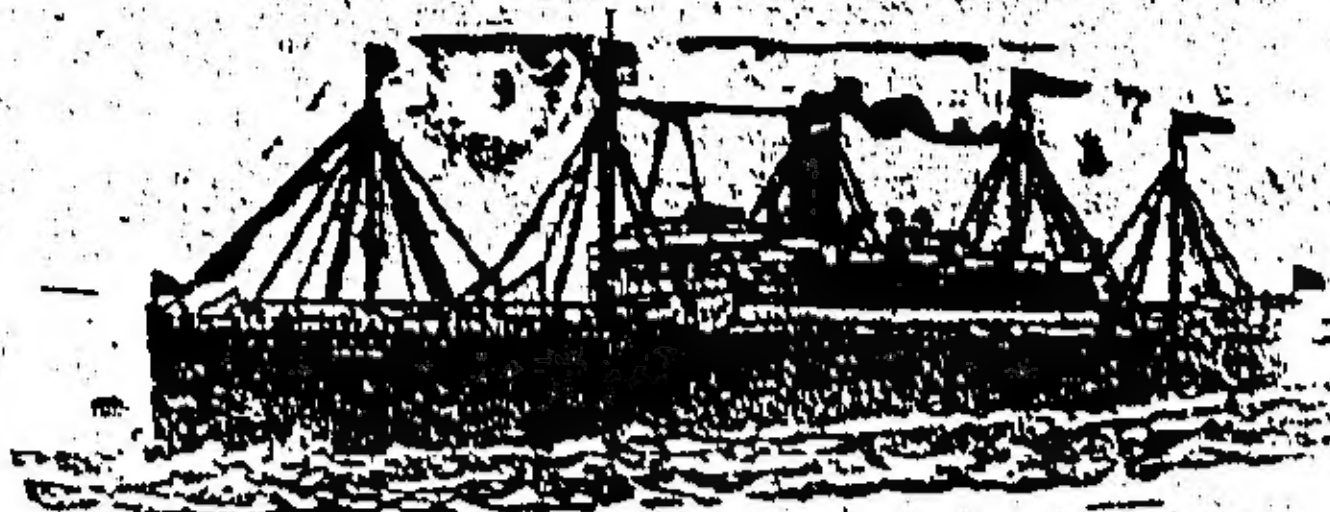
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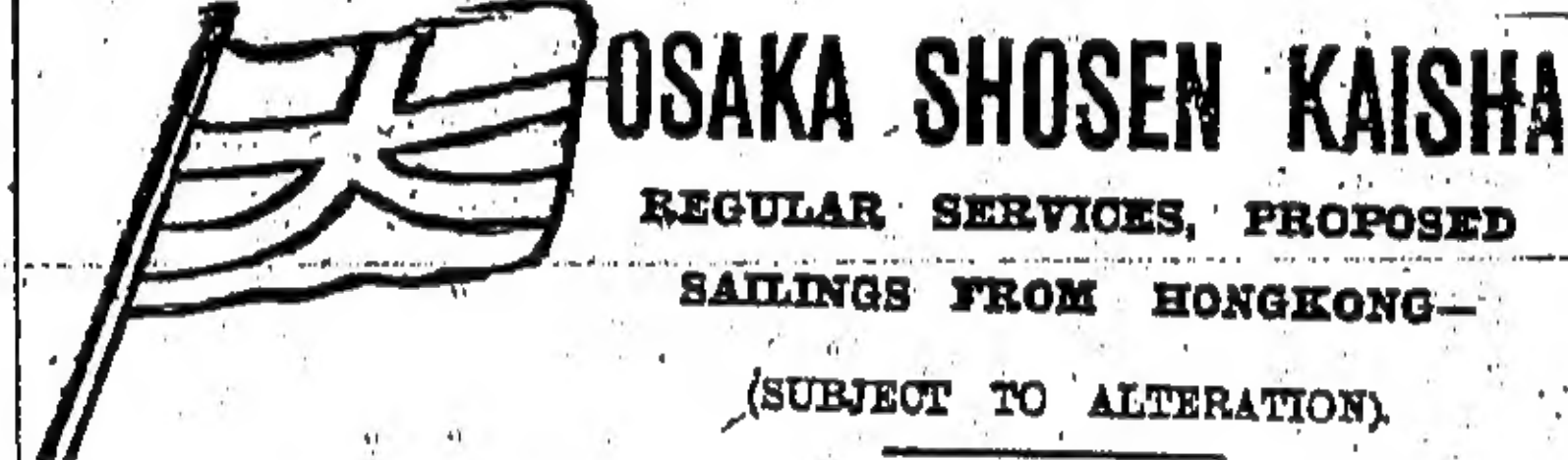
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SHANGHAI, via SWATOW, MANILA, LOOHSANG, KOBÉ & MOI	YUENANG	FRIDAY, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m.
	FOOKSANG	TUESDAY, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m.
	YATSHING	TUESDAY, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, via SWATOW, SHANGHAI, via SWATOW, CHEFOO & DALNY	HUNAN	Dec. 2, at 4 p.m.
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	TANGO MARU, Capt. A. Christensen, Tons 6000	WEDNESDAY, 5th Jan., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.O. & SEATLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, AND YOKO	SHINANO MARU, Capt. K. Kawano, Tons 6500	TUESDAY, 7th Dec., at Noon
	AKI MARU, Capt. K. Sato, Tons 7000	TUESDAY, 4th Dec., at Noon
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winckler, Tons 6000	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon
	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 6000	FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO	MOYORI MARU, Capt. J.C. R. chard, Tons 4000	FRIDAY, 3rd Dec., at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ	YETOROFU MARU, Capt. K. Soyeda, Tons 4500	FRIDAY, 10th Dec., at Noon
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